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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

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For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.
Local Bills discounted, and interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributions may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. no1

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. B. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, Hotel des Univers, Office Hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 4 to 4 p.m.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in September and October, leaving HONGKONG about the 15th of September, and returning about the 1st of October.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. no30

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co., PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East, HONGKONG.

September 15, 1877.

AH YON, SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

No. 57, Praya West.
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 16, 1877. ap1

LOST.

ON the POKFULUM ROAD, near West Point, a GOLD PENICIL CASE. Anyone bringing it to the Office of this Paper will be suitably Rewarded, if necessary.
Hongkong, October 24, 1877. oc81

IN THE GOODS OF JAMES SMITH FERRIES, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel, on the 8th day of February 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27, Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN at his address aforesaid, or to the Underigned WILLIAM HENRY BREXTON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BREXTON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 15th day of January, 1878. And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said JAMES SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets of any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 8th day of October, 1877.

W. H. BREXTON,
Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN. ja16

MANILA.

THE Underigned has This Day OPENED at this Port a BUSINESS, consisting of BOOKS, SHIP-CHANDLERY, and GENERAL FROCKERY, situated on the Mole, facing the Bay.
Fresh Provisions and Water supplied on the shortest notice.

EDWARD VERILL,
Manila, September 12th, 1877.

HOTEL DE L'EUROPE, MANILA.
On the Mole, near the Harbour-Master's Office, and within Ten Minutes' walk of the Merchants' Office.
TAKES D'HOTEL, BATHS, BILLIARDS, &c.
EDWARD VERILL, Proprietor.

Intimations.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

THE Underigned, until further notice, offer to REMETAL VESSELS, furnishing all Material and Labor, except METAL and NAILS, for TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per Sheet.
IRON STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS requiring Three Coats Paint or Tallow, Thirty Cents per Ton Register.

W. B. SPRATT & Co., Proprietors.
Hongkong, October 10, 1877. no10

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG; and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA,

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HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex. S. S. Type, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits only, Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes. Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.
Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per cent (20%) of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. no1

PIANOS and any other Musical Instruments TUNED, REPAIRED, and RE-CONSTRUCTED.

PIANOS ON HIRE, by the Month or Occasionally.
PIANOS FOR SALE, New and Second-Hand; all in perfectly Good Order, Guaranteed.

Special Attention is invited to a new Grand Cottage PIANO, by LUDWIG and RUMER, Zeitz—Just Received from Germany, and specially constructed for this climate to the order of the Underigned.
Orders from any of the Outports in the East, will meet with prompt attention if addressed:
Care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or "Messrs GAUFF & Co."
A. HAHN.
Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October. Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst. Warrants will be delivered by the Underigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th instant, inclusive.
By Order,
RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.
Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL. RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOS MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

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NEW SEASON'S (MAR) BUTTER.
The First Shipment of Busch & Co.'s Celebrated Cowbrand DANISH BUTTER.

In Tins of 1 lb. each, 60 Cents per lb.
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Fresh supplies of GROSSE & BLACKWELL'S OILMANS' STORES, and American Family MESS STORES, as per their JULY PRICE LIST.
(All Stores sold by L. A. & Co. are of the Very Best Quality.)

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Very Superior California BLANKETS, 12/4 and 14/4.

California KNEE BOOTS.

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Central and Pin-fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

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HOTH'S RUSSIAN ROPE and TARRER LINES.

FISHING LINES and WHITE LINES, of all descriptions.

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FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

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CARRIAGE LAMPS, and CARRIAGE CANDLES.

WATER FILTERS.

Gosnell's HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTH BRUSHES, and NAIL BRUSHES.

A Fine Assortment of DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY, BOOKS.

NOVELS, WORKS OF REFERENCE, SCHOOL BOOKS.

&c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

FOR SALE.

LARGE TAKASIMA COAL, EX GODOWN, at \$8 PER TON.

Apply to

THS. G. GLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road Central, and East Point.

Hongkong, October 24, 1877. no24

FOR SALE.

ON BOARD the British Ship "BROOM-HALL," TWO AUSTRALIAN COWS and CALVES.

Apply to

The CAPTAIN on Board.
Hongkong, October 27, 1877. no3

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 22, 1876. no1

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE 1874, HEIDRICK & Co.'s MONOPOLE.

DEETJEN & Co.
Hongkong, October 2, 1877. no1

FOR SALE.

SHANEEH CANTON.

THE Desirable PROPERTY known as Lot No. 46, consisting of Commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and SILK GODOWN.

For particulars, apply to

G. M. SMITH, Canton.

October 15, 1877.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS and a HALF.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 9, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "YESSO,"

Capt. S. ASHROD, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 30th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRANK & Co.
Hongkong, October 28, 1877. no9

Shipping.

Steamers.

STEAM TO SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "ADRIA,"

will leave for the above places at Noon on SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 27, 1877. no8

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY. (Taking Cargo at through rates for all Australian and New Zealand Ports.)

The Steamship "OCEAN" will load as above, and be despatched on or about the 1st of November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 4, 1877.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australasian Mail Steam Co.'s S. S. "BOWEN" will be despatched as above on or about the 9th November next.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, October 25, 1877.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "FLEURS CASTLE" expected here on or about the 29th instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 26, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Barkentine "ABEL ABBOTT,"

J. CHASE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, October 19, 1877. no19

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Ship "ISLES OF THE SOUTH,"

DERNET, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Barkentine "GRASMEER,"

HARRINGTON, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 100 years splendid British Clipper Ship "SYDNEY,"

A. MILLAR, Commander, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Barkentine "GEO. CROSHAW,"

GEO. IRVING, Master, will have early despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, July 28, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The 3/8 L. I. German Ship "GALATHEA,"

JANZEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, September 10, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 British Bark "LORD MACAULAY,"

Capt. MONTEMAN, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, July 20, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. The 100 A 1 British Bark "WOODVILLE,"

ST. E. NELSON, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, September 26, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The A 1 British Bark "OCEOLA,"

Capt. KENNEDY, having most of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

ROZARIO & Co.
Hongkong, October 16, 1877.

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Brg "SAN LORENZO,"

MANDRAGA, Master, will have immediate despatch for the

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

GERMAN BARK MARCO-POLO,
FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of
A M 37/71
35 cases Merchandise.
Shipped by J. O. JULIUS MÖLLER, are
hereby informed that the same have been
landed and stored at their expense and
risk.

No Fire Insurance has been covered.
WIELER & Co.,
Agents for Bark Marco-Polo,
Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE ELMSTONE,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel
are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading to the Underigned for
counter-signature, and take immediate
delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 19, 1877.

BARQUE STRATHMORE, FROM
KURAOHEE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Underigned
for counter-signature, and take immediate
delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, October 22, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE MELBREE,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Underigned
for counter-signature, and take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 18, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

CATERION, American ship, Captain W.
Lull, —Stiemssen & Co.
WOODVILLE, British barque, Captain
Nielsen, —Wm. Fustan & Co.
ASPINCKON, British barque, Captain G.
Cunningham, —Wiel & Co.
CHRYSEUM, British ship, Captain E.
Shrewsbury, —Wiel & Co.
MELUSINE, German barque, Captain Th.
Pflieger, —Melchers & Co.
FERNTOWER, British steamer, Capt. J.
H. von Bagen, —Chinese.
NORTHERN STAR, British barque, Capt.
J. Wortley, —Wiel & Co.
Trio, Dutch barque, Capt. T. Westerveld,
—Stiemssen & Co.
COLORADO, American ship, Captain In-
gram, —Russell & Co.
VESTA, German barque, Captain Dirks,
—Melchers & Co.
KATZ GABRIEL, British barque, Captain
James Wilson, —Melchers & Co.
ONWARD, British schooner, Captain
Heuer, —Lane, Crawford & Co.
SOPHIE, British barque, Captain Heje,
—Meyer & Co.
BROOMHALL, British ship, Captain H.
Bate, —Russell & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"ANADYR,"
Comdt. MORSEAU, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 29, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"VOLGA,"
Comdt. BOUJARD, will be
despatched for YOKOHAMA
shortly after the arrival of the next French
Mail.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 29, 1877.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
OCEANIC, from San Francisco, &c.,
are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take
immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer
will be landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.

G. E. EMORY,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 28, 1877.

We have authorised Mr EDWARD
GEORGE to sign our Bills of
Lading.

NORTON & Co.
Hongkong, October 29, 1877.

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that our late
assistant ASHEW generally known
as "SMALL," is no longer in our Employ.
Patrons will please note.

HIS NAME
BRANNEY, &c., *Small's* Last
Hongkong, October 29, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FLEURS CASTLE.
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed, at their risk,
into the Godowns of Mr A. McE. HANCOX,
whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their
Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless notice to the contrary be given
before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 5th Proximo will be
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 29, 1877.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Venice having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby requested to send their Bills of
Lading to the Underigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, October 29, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Oct. 28, 5 p.m., Oceania, British steamer,
3707, H. Parrell, San Francisco Sept. 29,
noon, and Yokohama Oct. 22, 1 p.m.,
General.—O. & S. S. Co.

Oct. 28, Dale, British steamer, 645,
Thompson, Haiphong Oct. 20, Rice.—
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Oct. 28, Empress, British barque, 230,
W. H. Skinner, King George's Sound,
Western Australia Sept. 1, Sandalwood.—
BAXLEY & Co.

Oct. 28, Japan, German 3-m. schooner,
270, A. Ohlmann, Nagasaki Oct. 20, Rice
and Copper.—CHINESE.

Oct. 28, Jacatra, Dutch brig, 310, Dirks-
sen, Newchwang Oct. 17, Beans.—SIEMSEN
& Co.

Oct. 29, And, French steamer, 2177,
Hernandez, Shanghai Oct. 26, Mails and
General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Oct. 29, Fleurs Castle, British steamer,
2649, Jones, London Sept. 8, via ports of
call, and Singapore Oct. 20, General.—
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Oct. 29, Fenice, British steamer, 1271,
Rhode, Calcutta Oct. 12, Penang 18, and
Singapore 21, Opium and General.—JAR-
DINE, MATHESON & Co.

Oct. 29, Flinders, British steamer, 1243,
T. Thomas, Singapore Oct. 16, Ballast.—
Wm. Fustan & Co.

Oct. 29, Christoforo Colombo, Italian man-
of-war, 2000, Canavaro, Shanghai Oct. 24,
Oct. 29, Yotung, British steamer, 286,
N. W. Hawkins, Haiphong Oct. 25, Gen-
eral.—KWONG LEE YUEN.

Oct. 29, H.M.S. Moorhen, from a Cruise.

DEPARTURES.
Oct. 29, Bertha, for Hamburg.
29, H.M.S. Moorhen, for a Cruise.
29, Mactan, for Amoy.
29, Nelson, for Amoy.

OLEARED.
Vesta, for Chefoo.
Deutschland, for Chetoo.
Prosperity, for Bangkok.
Melusine, for Manila.
Batavia, for Sourabaya.
Sophia, for Manila.
Yesso, for Coast Ports.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Oceania, from San Francisco, Mr
Jackson McKenly, and 688 Chinese.

Per And, from Shanghai: for Hongkong,
Mr and Mrs Cornsbe, 3 children and amah,
Mr and Mrs Brown, Mr and Mrs Corneau
and child, Messrs Cheang Kong, G. Stan-
ford, T. Hudson, O. Grother, and 15 Chi-
nese; for Marseilles, Mr Fignat.

Per Fleurs Castle, from London, Miss
Mason, and 108 Chinese from Straits.

Per Yotung, from Haiphong, Mr J.
Leon Avelton, and 15 Chinese.

Per Vesta, from Straits, 20 Chinese.

Per Dale, from Haiphong, 10 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per Mactan, for Amoy, 40 Chinese.

Per Nelson, for Amoy, 25 Chinese.

Per Yesso, for Coast Ports, 2 Europeans,
and 180 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The French steamer *And* reports: Fine
weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Yotung* reports: First
part of passage heavy northerly gale
with very heavy sea, middle and latter part
strong breeze and high sea.

The British steamer *Venice* reports: Had
fine weather to Penang and Singapore, and
from Singapore until the 28th, since
then strong N.E. gales with very heavy
sea.

The British steamer *Flinders* reports: Light
S.E. winds to Cape St. James, where
we arrived on the 20th; left again same day,
and had light winds to Cape Padaran; and
from thence to port strong N.E. gales and
heavy head sea. Passed S. G. Desbute
bound South.

The British steamer *Oceania* reports: Left
San Francisco Sept. 29th, arrived in
Yokohama Oct. 20th and left on the 22nd;
arrived at Hongkong on the 28th instant;
throughout the entire passage light variable
wind with moderately smooth sea and re-
markably fine weather. Passage from San
Francisco 25 days and 6 hours, including
stoppage in Yokohama.

The British steamer *Fleura Castle* re-
ports: Left London at noon on the 8th
Sept., and arrived at Fort Said on the 23rd,
detained six days in the Canal and had to
discharge 800 tons of cargo. Arrived at
and left Suez 30th, arrived at and left
Penang Oct. 18th, and arrived at Singapore
on the 20th. Had fine weather after
leaving Singapore to 12 N. and from thence
to port from moon and heavy irregular
sea. On Saturday shipped a heavy sea,
washing away after wheel, steering gear and
everything movable about the deck,
filling cabins and side cabins and doing
considerable damage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.—
Per Barque *MELUSINE*, at 4.30 p.m.
To-morrow, the 30th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, BOM-
BAY, AND INDIA.—
Per *ADRIA*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday,
the 3rd November.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet *AKA*
will be despatched from Hongkong on
THURSDAY, the 1st November,
with Mails to and through the
United Kingdom and Europe, via
Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore,
Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zea-
land, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey-
chelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez,
and Alexandria. This is the last
opportunity for forwarding Cor-
respondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Ascension.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—
The English Contract Packet *NIZAM*
will be despatched with the Mails for
Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the
8th November.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *OCEANIC*
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 8th November, with Mails for
Japan, San Francisco, and the United
States, which will be closed as fol-
lows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.
Daylight—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.

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BIRTHS.
At Yokohama, on the 19th October, Mrs
ARTHUR ANDERSON, of a Son.
At Yokohama, on the 19th October, Mrs
MAHARAO, of a Daughter.
At Shanghai, on the 23rd October, the
Wife of W. T. MILLEY, of a Son.

MARRIAGE.
At the Cathedral, Shanghai, on the 24th
October, JOHN TAYLOR, Kobe, Japan, to
ALICIA MARY, eldest daughter of the late
Captain Richard Kirby, Newcastle-on-Tyne,
England.

DEATHS.
In Tokio, October 12th, MAUD M. PERRY,
aged 8 years and 11 months.
October 17th, V. W. PERRY, Esq., aged
47 years.
On the 19th Oct., drowned on the voyage
from Nagasaki to Vladivostok, GEORGE
H. GILLES, chief Engineer s.s. *Dragon*.
At Shanghai, on the 19th October, M.
PUTRONG, aged 37 years.
At Hongkong, on Saturday, the 20th Oct.,
ANNIE, the beloved wife of John Shadgett.
At Shanghai, on the 3rd Oct., GEORGE
FRANCOIS, Son of Alfred Mackenzie and Mary
Alice Townsend, aged 1 year and 6 days.
At Shanghai, on the 25th Oct., JAMES
LAWRIE, aged 39 years.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCT. 29, 1877.

The mail from Shanghai brings the in-
telligence that the Woosung Railway has
been formally taken over on behalf of
the Chinese Government and closed. By
the terms of the agreement concluded at
Nanking towards the close of last year,
the undertaking was to be worked by
the Company until the 21st October
1877, when it would become the ab-
solute property of the Chinese Government
by purchase. The purchase money was
to be paid in three instalments, one as
soon as the price was fixed, the second
at the expiration of six months, and the
third at the end of twelve months. The
last of these instalments was paid on the
20th instant, and the railway, in ac-
cording with the terms of the agreement,
was "handed over to the control of the
Chinese Government, at whose option it
shall be, exclusively, to continue or dis-
continue the working of the line, without
claim or interference on the part of the
Company heretofore concerned in the
same." No one seems to know what is
to be the fate of the line, although the
opinion is prevalent, and apparently
gaining strength, that the whole under-
taking is to be removed to Formosa.
Formosa is a sort of Shesburyness to
China—a place of experiments, where
the wonderful inventions of modern
times can be tried without the risk of
offending the proprieties of *Fung shley*,
or taking too many liberties with the
sacred soil of the Central Kingdom.
There need be no doubt whatever that
it is a feeling more or less of this nature
that has mainly determined the high
Chinese officials to mine with foreign
appliances, erect telegraphs, and possibly
run railway trains, in Formosa.

The closing of the railway certainly
does not indicate an intention to con-
tinue the working of the undertaking at
Shanghai. Had the Chinese officials
been determined to carry on and further

develop the enterprise, common-sense,
and even Chinese official wisdom, would
have recognised the desirability of
making the transfer of the line from
the hands of the Company to their own
as quietly as possible, without any un-
necessary jar to the existing arrange-
ments. Instead of this, the traffic has
been abruptly stopped, the engines and
gear laid by to rust, and the foreign
employees discharged. On the final
instalment of the purchase money being
paid on the 20th, the two officials acting
for the Chinese Government were asked
respecting the future of the railway.
Their combined reply was, in effect, no
answer! "They would," they said, "go
down the line on Monday morning,
inspect the land, &c., and verify the
title-deeds. They would then communi-
cate the result of their investigations to
the Taoai, and he would forward it to
Shen Pao-chén, who would decide what
was to be done with the Railway."

The more stoppage of the line, which
was paying expenses, shows what a
wretched, muddle-headed, set of rulers
there are in the country. Could the
dowager-Empress, Prince Kung and
the Court be whirled about on the line,
or one at Peking, for a few hours, and
freely indulged in sweet-stuff—if the day
were fine and their royal highnesses didn't
get a head-ache, or a cinder in the eye
occasionally,—the probability is that Chi-
na would be speedily traversed from end
to end by the iron horse. The ludicrous
prejudices entertained by the Chinese
officials against the undertaking, and
their ridiculous way of exhibiting
it, is aptly illustrated by an in-
cident, which the *N. C. D. News* reports
as having occurred at the melancholy
ceremony of the 20th. The two deputies
named eight o'clock in the morning as
the hour at which they would be prepared
to proceed along the line in company
with Mr Morrison, to perform the duty
of verifying the title deeds *et cetera*.
An engine and carriage were courteously
placed at their disposal, but—*O tempora!*
O mores!—that accommodation was de-
clined, and both deputies expressed their
intention of making the journey along
the Railway in jinrikshas! The im-
practicability of such a mode of transit
over ballast, sleepers and rails being
pointed out to them, as also that in many
places there was not room enough by the
side of the line for a jinriksha, they still
declined the use of steam, and said they
would go in chairs! This settled the
matter, and, mounted on a pony, Mr
Morrison had to accompany the two Man-
darins on this memorable journey. Ac-
cording to some statistics published in
the same paper the total number of miles
run by the trains during the twelve
months the line was actually in operation
was 46,463, and the number of passen-
gers carried was 187,876. The total
receipts amounted to \$42,014, being
more than sufficient to cover the ex-
penditure. No merchandise was carried,
the Chinese objecting to freight of that
kind on the ground that it would necessitate
their erecting a Customs' Station at
Woosung.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are informed by the Principal Agent that
the M. M. Co.'s steamer *And* left Saigon
for this port at 5 a.m., and passed Cape St.
James at 10.20 a.m. to-day, the 29th inst.

The outward English mail steamer *Gladwin*
arrived at Singapore yesterday morning,
and would leave for Hongkong early this
morning (29th).

There are many details of interest in the
American file relating to the war and other
matters; but we are compelled to hold them
over until to-morrow, on account of a
press of other news.

In reference to the charge proved against
Mr O. B. Bradford, as detailed elsewhere
by the *N. C. D. News*, we learn that the
Marshall of the U. S. Consulate General at
Shanghai was reported to be missing on the
evening previous to the departure of the
French mail steamer.

We regret very much to hear of the death
of Mr M. Harlan, brother-in-law of Mr D.
H. Bailey, the United States Consul at this
port. It seems that shortly after Mr Har-
lan's arrival at his home in Wilmington,
Ohio, his father (Judge Harlan) died, and
his decease was speedily followed by that
of his son, well known in this Colony.

As will be seen by her report, the S. S.
Fleura Castle had rather a rough time of
it on Saturday last. She shipped a heavy
sea which carried her away after wheel,
steering gear and all moveables about the
decks, besides filling the saloon and side
cabins with water. To judge by the long
passages steamers are making from Singa-
pore to this port, the weather is anything
but pleasant for vessels striking North.

The Band of the 28th Regiment will per-
form the following programme to-morrow
evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m.:—
Grand March, *Crown Prince*.....Kotaki.
Overture.....*The Merry Wives*.....Niokol.
Fantasia.....*Erin*.....Basquit.
Valse.....*Manolo*.....Waldteufel.
Gd. Selection.....*Semiramide*.....Kosini.
Galop.....*Über Berg und Thal*.....Neumann.

We learn with regret of the death of Mr
Mortimer O'Sullivan, which took place at
Yokohama a day or two previous to the

Oceania's departure from that port. Capt.
O'Sullivan will be remembered by many
as one of the old China hands—whose
ranks, by the way, are becoming sadly
thinned and irregular—who are wont to
discourse with warmth about the lively
days of the old opium schooners. He
was one of the young and active spirits on
the China Coast about thirty years since,
and up to within the last few years he was
employed in command of vessels trading
between Hongkong and various ports of the
outside world. To Japan he found his way
a few years ago, and up to the time of his
last illness he was engaged in one capacity
or other in the Hydrographic Department
of the Japanese Government. He died,
after a week's illness, of cholera.

The *Geographical Magazine* for September
states that the project for despatching an
English expedition to Lhasa has definitely
fallen through.

We see in the *Hio-go News Shipping List*
that Messrs Browne & Co. have despatched,
on the 18th instant, the British steamer
Yorkshire, 1771 tons, from Kobe with a
cargo of rice for Madras, the first direct
shipment, we believe, of that grain from
Japanese ports to India. Chinese in Kobe
have sent the British schooner *Iris* with
wheat to Amoy.—*Japan Gazette*.

We are informed, says the *Shanghai Courier*,
that the Victoria Recreation Club of Hong-
kong has sent an invitation to the Shanghai
Rowing Club to send down crews to
compete at the Regatta to be held in
Hongkong on the 21st and 22nd December
next; and intimated that the races open to
the "continent" will be four (in Canton
meters) single sculls, and perhaps double
sculls. Judging by what we saw on the
Creek during the past two days we fancy
there will be little difficulty in finding
crews capable of representing Shanghai on
the occasion, especially as little business is
usually done here during Christmas week,
that would prevent any gentlemen selected
from getting leave of absence.

It is remarkable how much more frequently
reports of sea-serpents have been made
public, since the idea of such a creature
existing has ceased to be regarded as
ridiculous. The bark *Georgina*, lately
arrived at Falmouth from Rangoon, ap-
pears to have come across a whole colony
of them. The chief officer says that when
the vessel was in latitude 2 N., longitude
90.55 E., at six o'clock in the morning of
May 21st, a large snake or serpent, a
dark grey and yellow colour, crossed the
Georgina's bow from the starboard side,
disappearing on the port quarter. The
serpent, which was about fifty feet long and
several inches in thickness, was seen for
twenty minutes by the mate and all the
crew who were on deck. For some days
previously, the crew had seen several
smaller serpents of from six to ten feet in
length playing about the vessel.—*N. C. D. News*.

The *Straits Times* regrets to learn that a
serious accident happened this morning
(Oct. 18th), when out for his morning ride
in River Valley Road, to one of our oldest
and most respected residents, Mr Matthew
Little of Messrs John Little & Co. He
was thrown from his horse, and was found
by Mr Cadell and Mr Black of The Borneo
Co. walking along the road in a semi-con-
scious state. How the accident happened
is unknown, for Mr Little fainted before he
could give an account of it, and he has
remained more or less unconscious ever
since. He was conveyed to the Rev. Mr
Atken's house as being the nearest, and
was attended as soon as possible by Doctors
Little and Robertson. Upon examination,
little or no external signs of injury could
be discovered, and it is hoped that if
there has been any concussion of the brain
it is a slight one. The sufferer has, we are
glad to say, become conscious but continues
in a dazed state.

INQUESTS.

An Inquest was held this afternoon (29th)
on the body of a Chinaman, aged about 33
years, found dead at Saiyungoon, by Mr
James Russell, Coroner, with Messrs D.
McAlister, C. Vogel and A. G. Morris as
Jury. The inquest would not have been
necessary but for the report of the Sergeant
in charge of No. 7 Station, who volunteered
an opinion, as the Coroner remarked, that
the deceased died of starvation. That being
the report, the Coroner thought it imperative
on him to hold an inquest; but meantime,
Dr. Wharry was of opinion that the deceased
died of dysentery, the body being much
emaciated and bearing symptoms of that
disease. The Sergeant was then again called
upon to give his reasons for saying that the
man died of starvation, when he could have
no better ground than that he had heard it
from other people. The Coroner said if the
Sergeant had been more careful in his report,
this inquest would not have been necessary.
As it was, however, one comfort was that it
was not last very long, and Mr Morris
would not be very much inconvenienced,
although he had expressed his wish rather
to pay \$26 than serve on the Jury to-
day.

Evidence was then called, Dr. Wharry
proving the cause of death to have been dys-
entery. Inspector Craddock was asked if it
was the duty of an Inspector or Sergeant to
make the report of a death to the Coroner,
and he said that although he was at the
Station at the time, the Sergeant did not
call him. He thought the rule was whoever
was in charge of the Charge Room at the
Station at the time was to make the report.
He considered the Sergeant quite competent
to make the report in question.

The Jury returned a verdict of death from
natural causes.

The adjourned inquests on the bodies of
Fung Asee, otherwise Asoo, and Ho Tai
Yow, were resumed this afternoon (29th).
There being no further evidence, the Cor-
oner proceeded to address the Jury, and
gave them cases on the subject. He then

mentioned a case here in 1864 where one Polio-
man, George Lowrie, had entered a gam-
bling house without a warrant, and caused
the death of a gambler who jumped out of a
window. He was sent to nine months'
hard labour for manslaughter, but the dis-
tinguishing features in that case were that
the deceased was beaten with a stick, and
so driven that he had to jump through the
window, whereas in this there was no
violence used, and no actual forcible entry,
the entry by the Inspector withdrawing
the bolt of the door being only
constructive forcible entry, and the
deceased were not driven to fall through
the hole; they simply fell down the place
from want of a protection to it, and from
not knowing the existence of the hole. In
entering this house Inspector Lee undoubt-
edly exceeded his duty, but the question

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

SHIPPING IN SHANGHAI HARBOUR.		MERCHANT STEAMERS.		SAILING VESSELS.	
October 26, 1927.					
MERCHANT STEAMERS.					
Amazona	French	Kiang-kiat	Chinese	Coldstream	American ship
Aprin	British	Kiang-wa	Chinese	Corina	British barge
* Ara	French	Lee Yuen	Chinese	Coringa	American barge
Egeria	for London, &c.	Nanking	American	Coriolanus	for New York
Fuyew	Chinese	Nizam	British	Dipsasund	British barge
Gladius	for London, &c.	Peking	British	Duke of Abercorn	British ship
Glabulus	London v. F'chow	Pai-tah	Chinese	Edwards	British barge
Glabulus	Chinese	Radnorshire	for New York	Edwards	American barge
Hankow (McQueen)	British	Ta-yu-tsing	American	F. B. Watson	Slamess brig
Han-kwang	Chinese	Yangtze	British	Footbow	British barge
Hockung	Chinese	Yunglung	Chinese	Glippers	American barge
Hsien	Chinese			Goodell	for London
Hsien	Chinese			Halloween	German barque
Hsien	Chinese			Hermann	for London
Kiang-ching	Chinese	Alejo	British barge	Isle of Erin	American barge
Kiang-foo	Chinese	Ayona	British barge	James S. Hone	Slamess barge
		Callio On	for New York	Slam	British barge
		Centurion	for London	Sliver Eagle	for New York
		City of Aberdeen	British barge	Sir Lancelot	